



MINNESOTA SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION

2008 RULES FOR NOMINATING & SHOWING IN THE MN OPEN FUTURITY

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

Required: All nominators **MUST** be members of the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association., Inc. (MSHA)

The annual membership fee is \$45.00.

The Four Divisions: **The MSHA Open Futurity** will be shown in three divisions: Weanling, Yearling, Two Year Old, and Three Year Old.

The **MSHA Open Futurity** Classes will be held each year during the MN Futurity Horse Show. Horses properly nominated to the **MSHA Open Futurity** may also be entered into the following stand alone classes: Mare and Foal, Two Year Old Park Pleasure Driving and Three Year Old In Hand and the new Minnesota Owned Weanling Class.

ASR National Rule: Horses may show in one performance and one in hand class for their division if they are offered.

Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association rule: All entries in the *Limited Breeders' Weanling Stake Class* must be properly nominated in the *Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association Futurity*.

PRIZE FUND AND AWARDS:

Prize Fund Value: The value of the MSHA Futurity prize fund each year shall be the total of monies received as nomination fees and added donations, less 10% for expenses. Each year the Special Awards to the nominators of the sires and dams of the Open Weanling Champions and Reserve Champions will be deducted prior to the allocation of prize money among the regular classes of the Futurity.

Allocation of Prize Fund:

The monies received from Sire and Mare nomination fees will be added to each program. The added donations shall be allocated equally between the Amateur and Open Futurities. The Open funds shall then be allocated equally among the weanling, yearling, two year old, and three year old classes (this excludes stand alone classes). Prize monies will be distributed to the nominators. Nominators must provide a Social Security Number to receive prize monies. All prize fund monies to be distributed.

FUTURITY RULES:

Distribution of Prize Monies: Each class prize fund to be distributed as follows:

1st 48% 2nd 23% 3rd 14% 4th 10% 5th 5% 6th Ribbon

Special Award Value and Distribution: Total value of the Special Award \$300.00.

Nominators of the sire and dam of the Champion foals of the Weanling Division, will each receive \$50.00.

Nominators of the sire and dame of the Reserve Champion foals of the Weanling Division, will each receive \$25.00.

Liability: No Money Refunded: No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in, but there will be no return of payment. The right is reserved to reject any entry and to bar any entry from further competition for failure to comply with the conditions of this futurity.

The futurity also reserves the right to cancel or combine any class if there are less than three entries. MSHA reserves the right to blood type any weanling entry at the MN Futurity Horse Show to insure parentage of the entry. This test would be done at the expense of Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association.

Membership Fees: Unless previously paid for the current year, a membership fee to MSHA of \$45.00 must accompany the nomination form. All payments for nominations must bear a postmark before midnight of the due date, June 15th.

Make checks payable to: **MSHA** (Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association., Inc.).

Mail completed forms and payment to: Alice Lear Futurity Secretary 19025 Coates Blvd Hastings, MN 55033



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SIRES AND MARES:

Sire Nomination: To nominate a Stallion to the **MSHA Open Futurity** it is necessary: The Sire is registered with the American Saddlebred Registry, Inc. and, a fee of \$100.00 be paid to MSHA on or before June 15th of the year in which the foal is born. A *discounted fee of \$75.00* is offered those nominating Sires on or before April 30th.

Mare Nomination: To nominate a Mare to the **MSHA Open Futurity**, it is necessary: The Mare is registered with the American Saddlebred Registry, Inc. and, a fee of \$25.00 be paid to MSHA on or before June 15th of the year in which the foal is born. A *discounted fee of \$20.00* is offered those nominating mares on or before April 30th.

Sire and Mare must be nominated the year that the Foal is born.

THE FOUR DIVISIONS:

Division 1 - Weanling: The entries in this division shall be shown in hand. The colts and the fillies will be judged separately with at least the top two of each class returned to the ring for their respective championship. Weanling division monies are paid back in the qualifying classes.

Division 2 - Yearling: The entries in this division shall be shown in hand. The colts and fillies will be shown and judged together for their respective championship.

Division 3 - Two Year Old: The entries in this division shall be shown in fine harness.

Division 4 - Three Year Old: The entries in this division shall be shown under saddle. (Open 3 Year Old under Saddle)

DIVISION 1 - WEANLINGS:

Eligibility - WEANLING Division: Entries to be shown in hand and the following conditions must be fulfilled:

The sire and dam must be nominated to the MSHA Open Futurity in the year the foal is born. See Section - Sires and Mares. The foal must be registered with the American Saddlebred Registry, Inc. on or before the date of the show to be eligible to show, and in any event must be registered by December 31, of the year foaled, to maintain eligibility in the MSHA Open Futurity.

A nomination fee of \$40.00 is to be paid to MSHA on or before June 15th of the year in which the foal is born.

WEANLING OPEN – (Three) In Hand classes - Colts, Fillies, and Championship. There is a limit of two handlers per entry.

DIVISION 2 - YEARLINGS:

Eligibility - YEARLING Division: Entries to be shown in hand and the following conditions must be fulfilled:

The horse must have been nominated as a weanling and all conditions and requirements must have been fulfilled.

See Division 1 - Weanlings. A Yearling nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the entry becomes a Yearling. Curb bits and tail sets are prohibited on all yearlings.

YEARLING OPEN – Yearling Championship Open class. Colts/geldings and fillies will be shown and judged together as one class. There is a limit of two handlers per entry. The yearlings may be shod.

DIVISION 3 - TWO YEAR OLDS:

Eligibility - Two Year Old Division: To keep a Two Year Old eligible to show, the following conditions must be fulfilled: The horse must have been nominated as a weanling and all conditions and requirements for a weanling and yearling must have been fulfilled.

See Division 1 - Weanlings and Division 2 -Yearlings. A Two Year Old nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the entry becomes a Two Year Old.

TWO YEAR OLD OPEN - Open Two Year Old Championship - Fine Harness class. To be shown with a full mane and tail to an appropriate four-wheeled vehicle at an animated park-trot, extreme speed to be penalized, at an animated walk and to stand quietly. To be judged on Quality, Performance, and manners. Handler will be allowed in the ring during the line up.

DIVISION 4 - THREE YEAR OLDS:

Eligibility - Three Year Old Division: To keep a Three Year Old eligible to show, the following conditions must be fulfilled: The horse must have been nominated as a weanling and all conditions and requirements for a weanling, yearling and two year old must have been fulfilled. See Division 1 – Weanlings, Division 2 –Yearlings and Division 3 – Two Year Olds. A Three Year Old nomination fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the MSHA Futurity on or before June 15 of the year the foal becomes a Three Year Old.

THREE YEAR OLD OPEN - Open Three Year Old Championship – Open 3 Year old under Saddle. It is open to futurity nominated Three Year Olds in the Saddlebred Performance division, except those showing in American Saddlebred Pleasure classes. Tails may be natural or set. To be judged on style, finish, quality, manners, performance and all-around brilliance. To be shown at an animated walk or flat walk, trot & canter.



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SPECIAL EVENT CLASSES for Futurity Nominated Horses:

How to enter and show in the MARE and FOAL CLASS:

The Mare and Foal Class is a special event offered by the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association. Entries shall be shown in hand by amateurs. There is a limit of two handlers per animal. In order to be eligible for this class, the following conditions must be met: (1.) This class is open to the Open and Amateur Weanlings nominated in the current MSHA Futurity, but the foal need not have been shown in another class to be eligible for this event. (2.) An entry fee of \$25.00 must be paid to MSHA by June 15th of the year the foal is nominated in one of the weanling classes. (3.) The mare and foal (4.) Boots, blinders or other appliances are prohibited. The mare and foal shall be led into the ring at the walk and then stand. The foal will be asked to show at a walk and trot on the lead. In this event, the conformation and finish of both the mare and foal will be judged. In addition, the way of going of the foal will be considered. The mare may be shown in halter or bridle. The money paid into this class will be divided among the first five places. In addition, a trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.

How to enter and show in the MINNESOTA OWNED WEANLING CLASS:

The Minnesota Owned Weaning Class is a special event offered by the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association. There is a limit of two handlers per animal. In order to be eligible for this class, the following conditions must be met: (1.) this class is open to the Open and Amateur Weanlings nominated in the current MSHA Futurity, but the foal need not have been shown in another class to be eligible for this event. (2.) An entry fee of \$45.00 must be paid to MSHA by June 15th of the year the foal is nominated in one of the weanling classes. The foal will be asked to show at a walk and trot on the lead. In this event, the conformation and finish of the foal will be judged and the way of going of the foal will be considered. The money paid into this class will be divided among the first five places. In addition, a trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.

How to enter and show in the TWO YEAR OLD PARK PLEASURE DRIVING CLASS:

The Two Year Park Pleasure Driving Class is a special event offered by the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association. Entries shall be shown to a two wheel vehicle. In order to be eligible for this class, the following conditions must be met: (1.) The two year old must be nominated in the MSHA Futurity, the Two Year Old In Hand Class or the Two Year Old Fine Harness and meet all general requirements, but the entry need not have been shown in another class to be eligible for this event. (2.) An entry fee of \$50.00 must be paid to MSHA by June 15th. (3.) The money paid into this class will be divided among the first five places. In addition, a trophy and six ribbons will be awarded. (4.) Entries in this class may show in the Amateur In Hand class providing all rules are followed.

How to enter and show in the THREE YEAR OLD IN HAND Class:

Three Year Old In Hand Class is a special event offered by the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association. Entries shall be shown in hand. There is a limit of two handlers per entry. In order to be eligible for this class, the following conditions must be met: (1.) The three year old must be nominated in the MSHA Futurity in the Three Year Old Amateur Pleasure or the Three Year Old Full Mane and Tail and meet all general requirements, but the entry need not have been shown in another class to be eligible for this event. (2.) An entry fee of \$50.00 must be paid to MSHA by June 15th for each class nominated. The money paid into this class will be divided among the first five places. In addition, a trophy and six ribbons will be awarded.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHOWING YOUR FUTURITY ENTRY:

The following regulations have been established by the American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc. and the US Equestrian Federation.

1. APPOINTMENTS:

A. Entries to be led into the ring and shown in a bridle or halter without quarter boots, blinkers, blindfolds or other appliances. PROHIBITED: Curb bits on weanlings and yearlings.

B. WEANLINGS and YEARLINGS:

1. The use of artificial appliances or devices on weanlings and yearlings such as chains, shackles, rubber bands or blindfolds is prohibited on the grounds before or during a show. Smooth round leather straps will be allowed on the grounds before the class.

2. Blinker hoods with half cups mounted in the vertical position so as to allow forward vision are allowed on weanlings and yearlings on the grounds before a show.

3. Weanlings and Yearlings must show with uncut, unset tails. Tail sets and bustles worn on the show grounds in preparation for the show are expressly forbidden on weanlings. Bustles are permitted on Yearlings.

C. Any entry with prohibited equipment must be disqualified and shall forfeit all entry fees, nominations and winnings at that competition.

2. ATTENDANTS:

Only two people per animal are permitted in the ring. Handlers and attendants must be neatly and appropriately dressed in clean and well-fitted clothes. Each may carry a whip and an empty paper or plastic bag. Whips must be no longer than six feet, including the snapper or lash. A small empty plastic bag or ribbons may be attached to the whip. The small empty bag may be used separately.

3. JUDGING PROCEDURE:

Conformation and finish count 50% of the total score. All entries should be judged according to the standards for the ideal American Saddlebred type and conformation. Defects should be penalized. Way of going and natural action to count 50% of the total score. All entries should be judged according to the standards for the walk and the trot. Undesirable traits should be penalized. All entries will enter the ring, one at a time, showing at the trot. Entries are to be judged individually standing, then at a walk and a trot on the lead. Horses should stand squarely on all four feet with the front legs perpendicular to the ground. Rear legs may be placed slightly back, but the handler may be asked to move the hind legs under the animal for inspection. If the judge elects to have a second workout, all horses chosen for the workout should perform at a walk and a trot on the lead.

4. THE MINNESOTA SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. The registration papers for all entries must be presented at or prior to check-in time the mornings of the show.

B. Horses can show only in the classes to which they are nominated.